

Three Iowa counties given reduced tuition, invitation to become Mavericks

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NEWS EDITOR

Beginning next fall, UNO parking lots may see an increase in Iowa license plates.

Thanks to the tuition initiative Metropolitan Advantage Program, residents of three local Iowa counties will be able to enroll at UNO for a reduced out-of-state tuition.

Previously, residents of Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties were paying the same as other out-of-state students, despite being close in proximity to UNO.

The change aims to increase UNO's nonresident enrollment and improve educational levels in the Omaha area for business and commerce. The announcement was made Tuesday by UNO Chancellor John Christensen and University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken in the Milo Bail Student Center.

"I believe the Metropolitan Advantage Program is a significant step to making available a convenient and affordable high quality education to the resident of Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties, or in other words, our metropolitan Iowa neighbors," said Christensen during the announcement. "For many in the Iowa metro area, the pursuit of post-secondary education at UNO has been out of reach simply because of the costs associated with nonresident tuition. As we begin the celebration of UNO's centennial next fall, our metropolitan neighbors will be able to drive across the bridge and attend UNO at substantially reduced tuition rates."

The university currently charges \$154.75 per credit hour for resident, undergraduate coursework, while the reduced nonresident tuition will be about \$232 per credit hour, which contrasts with the \$456 per credit hour. The new tuition program reduces the out-of-state cost to about 150 percent of Nebraska resident tuition.

"We've seen that when significant price differences are taken out of the calculus, then you can compete on the basis of quality, and in this situation, convenience," said Milliken.

He continued, saying that about 100 students would have to take advantage of the program in order to make up for the reduced revenue. UNO currently serves 274 students from the three Iowa counties.

"We are very excited to invite our Iowa friends and neighbors to become Mavericks," said Christensen.

In addition to the tuition initiative, UNO will also be offering Iowa undergraduate students in the three county area the opportunity to reduce their tuition even further.

The new Maverick Advantage Scholarship is available

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Comparison of 2007-08 Tuition Rates

Resident Undergraduate Tuition

UNO - \$154.75
Iowa State - \$223
University of Iowa - \$224
University of Northern Iowa - \$223
Metropolitan Advantage Rate - \$232

Resident Graduate Tuition

UNO - \$192.75
ISU - \$347
UI - \$349
UNI - \$347
Metro. Advantage - \$289

Source: University of Nebraska Public Affairs

Bullpen sponsors pep rally for weekend's key sports contests



photo by Michelle Bishop

The UNO women's basketball team sings the fight song at Wednesday's rally in the Pep Bowl.

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Halloween decorations were alongside student's tents, setting the atmosphere for an evening full of Maverick spirit.

at Thursday's football game against South Dakota and hockey series against the University of Michigan.

Team captains Jeff Souder and Stuart Frazier represented the football team. Souder got the crowd going when he said,

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Clicker, new teaching technology entering classrooms

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A new learning tool called the Classroom Performance System, more commonly called the clicker, is becoming more common in the classroom at UNO.

The clicker allows students to provide feedback and responses to the class through the small device. Those answers are transmitted by radio wave to the professor as a way of gauging whether students understand the lesson.

Sponsored by the Center for Faculty Development, an informational session about the tool was held in the Milo Bail Student Center's Chancellor Room on Oct. 30.

So far, students seem to be embracing the device, said Jonna Holland, an assistant professor in the College of Business and one of the session's presenters.

"They tell me that it wakes them up. I really like getting that honest and anonymous feedback. They really like the fact that they have invested in this tool and that it's going to help them with their grade," said Holland.

Ted Turgeon, UNO multimedia support coordinator, said, "[The clicker] allows you to evaluate student mastery on reply. It provides a tool for automatic grading and attendance. [Professors] can look over the results and go over points they need to emphasize." He said the clicker allows for multiple-version testing, as well.

According to a survey organized by Holland for the fall semester, 48 percent of students surveyed agreed that clicker questions helped them learn. Also, 31 percent of surveyed students felt neutral and 14 percent disagreed.

In the spring 2007 semester, Holland did another student survey. When asked if students liked getting instant feedback, 86 percent strongly agreed, and 14 percent agreed.

The new technology is making its way around campus. While regularly used in the College of Business Administration, Tomm Roland, a professor in the Music department and session presenter, has started using the clicker in his classes as well.

"I was very interested in the testing side of it. The nice thing about this is you can go in, edit the exam and re-grade questions," said Roland.

The clicker is sold in the UNO bookstore for \$20. Students must register their clickers on Blackboard and pay a \$15 registration fee per semester.



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Mary Levestue uses a clicker during Tuesday's information session.

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photo by Michelle Bishop
Junior safety David Chochon participates in a pumpkin-rolling contest during Wednesday's rally in the Pep Bowl.

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"We don't need 80,000 fans at a football game. What we have we are content with. Give us your noise."

Frazier rallied Maverick students to come to the games and keep the spirit alive saying, "Their teams don't beat you, but their fans beat you."

After a pumpkin-pushing contest, the Red Army, a group of "crazy adult" hockey boosters, encouraged the efforts of the Bullpen.

"The Bull is absolutely magic," said Rick Jeffries of the Red Army. He challenged the Maverick supporters to beat the Red Army's efforts at cheering and showing spirit.

"If you wake up Sunday morning and still have a voice, you didn't scream hard enough," he said.

The pep rally, a great showing of university spirit, was well received by the attending students interested in supporting their winning athletics teams.

"The atmosphere is extremely warm despite the chilling temperatures," said sophomore Aaron Sherrill.

Sophomore and soccer player Jessica Powers also had positive thoughts for the evening as a whole.

"Already this year there has been more support from the fans," she said. "I think this will only help with school spirit and athletic support."

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those incoming undergraduate students that received a 23 or higher ACT score or rank in the top 25 percent of their high school class.

The scholarship reduces their nonresident tuition to almost resident rates.

University officials will monitor the program and scholarship and make regular reports to the Board of Regents on three specific areas, including the effects on UNO, net fiscal consequences of the program and impact on Omaha and Nebraska as a whole.

Current Attendance By County

In the fall of 2006, a total of 274 students from the three Iowa counties qualifying for the Metropolitan Advantage Program attended UNO.

- Pottawattamie: 192 undergraduates, 20 graduates
- Mills: 19 undergraduates, 5 graduates
- Harrison: 33 undergraduates, 5 graduates

Source: UNO Office of Institutional Research

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Flu shot clinics continue on campus today

UNO Student Health Services has been hosting flu shot clinics all this week. The clinic will continue today on the main floor of the Criss Library from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The flu shot costs \$15 for students and \$20 for faculty and staff. Faculty reimbursement may be possible through Blue Cross Blue Shield for those who bring their insurance cards. For more information, call Student Health Services at 554-2374.

Native American, environmental activist on Nov. 6

Winona LaDuke, an internationally respected Native American and environmental activist, will speak at UNO in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom Nov. 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Her presentation will be held in the Ballroom of the Milo Bail Student Center. The event is free and open to the public.

LaDuke, a Harvard graduate with a degree in native economic development, began speaking about environmental and Native concerns at an early age, addressing the United Nations at the age of 18.

LaDuke's visit is part of Native American Month celebrations at UNO. Her visit is sponsored by UNO's Multi-Cultural Affairs and Native American Studies

For more information contact Cathi Warren at 554-2758 or cjarren@mail.unomaha.edu.

'Lunch and Learn' event scheduled for Nov. 8

The UNO Speech Center will be hosting another "Lunch and Learn" session geared for students who are interested in adjusting to a broader audience, reorganizing main themes for more structure and integrating storytelling and visuals to enhance presentations.

"Moving from Paper to Presentation: A Transformation" is planned for Nov. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center U Mo Hon Room.

Pre-registration is encouraged and can be done by contacting the Speech Consulting Center at 554-3201. Space is limited, and free pizza and pop will be provided.

Sessions planned for master's degree in social work

Those interested in pursuing a master's degree in social work can attend an admissions information session Nov. 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Council Room. No reservations are needed.

At the event, Patricia Carlson, admissions chair of the UNO School of Social Work, will discuss the social work program and admission requirements. Another information session is scheduled for Dec. 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the same location.

For more information, call 554-2793.

University Library Friends to meet Nov. 8

The University Library Friends will meet and discuss the book "The Shia Revival" by Vali Nasr at noon Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Dodge Room A in the Milo Bail Student Center.

Tom Gouttierre, dean of International Studies and programs and director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies, will lead the discussion, which is free and open to the public.

In his book Nasr, a professor of Middle East and South Asia politics at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., examines how conflict and instability in Iraq have shaken the balance of power between Sunni and Shia.

The discussion of "The Shia Revival" is part of an ongoing series of book events at the university.

For more information, contact John Flocken at 554-3725

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Biblical archaeology conference Nov. 8 to Nov. 10

The Bethsaida excavation will present its findings on campus next month during the ninth annual Batchelder Biblical Archaeology Conference Nov. 8 through 10. The conference will be held at the William H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center.

Biblical scholar James K. Hoffmeier of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School will deliver the conference's first keynote address at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 8.

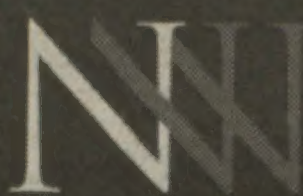
Conference activities continue Nov. 9 and Nov. 10. Fourteen scholars from around the world will present research and discoveries detailing Biblical archeology during the day sessions, which are free and open to the public.

The conference will present the film "The Lost Tomb of Jesus," produced by James Cameron for The Discovery Channel, at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 9. James Tabor and Dan Bahat will lead a discussion afterwards.

Admission to both "The Lost Tomb of Jesus" event and the Hoffmeier keynote event is \$10 per person. UNO students who show their MavCards can attend both for free. To register, or for more information and a complete schedule of events, contact Steve Reynolds, Bethsaida Excavations Project coordinator at 554-3108.

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Streaking Mavs prepare for homestretch

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Head Coach Rose Shires has got the UNO volleyball team on the winning track at just the right time. The Mavericks have won five matches in a row, sweeping four of them.

After a dismal 2-4 start to conference play, they have catapulted over South Dakota, Augustana and Minnesota State into second place, beating all three of them along the way. Two upset wins this weekend earned them a spot just outside the American Volleyball Coaches Association's top 25.

"I knew that as long as we kept pushing hard it would start to click," said middle blocker Carlie Christensen following this weekend's victories. "It just started to click a month ago. Practice has changed. Everything is changing."

Now, in making their claim for a fourth-consecutive North Central Regional invite, the Mavericks just need to avoid a potential meltdown against the cellar-dwellers of the North Central Conference.

North Dakota (6-19) will host UNO tonight at 7 p.m. at the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center. The Fighting Sioux started this win streak for UNO, getting swept by the Mavs at the Sapp Fieldhouse on October 13.

UND is winless in NCC play this year, winning just two games in eight conference matches. An upset by the Sioux at this stage of the season would be detrimental to UNO's postseason chances.

UNO will then bus to St. Cloud, Minn., to end their regular season against the Huskies of St. Cloud State. The Huskies are 2-6 in conference play this year and haven't beaten the Mavericks since 2004.

This weekend's games will finish the careers of three Mavericks who have been vital to UNO's recent successes. Christensen, right side hitter Nicole McLeod and setter Katie Agnew have been a part of 72 wins since becoming active in this roster in 2004. Shires says those wins can be directly attributed to these three

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After the 2006-07 UNO athletic season, student-athletes, coaches and fans called for a revamping of a department in obvious disarray.

A meltdown behind the scenes of UNO athletics led to the firing or resignation of several of its members. It also created obvious distractions to coaches who were trying to do their jobs and players who just wanted to play.

Since the hiring of David Miller as UNO's new athletic director and the reconstruction of the surrounding cast, this athletic department has been able to refuel without a hitch. Last year's happenings are distant memories, and the storylines of this season have been oh-so-much sweeter.

This fall, talks of scandals and budgetary shortfalls off the field have been replaced by stories of athletic excellence. As the fall sports season here at UNO nears its climax, we as fans are in the midst of winning streaks and national title contention across the board.

In case you're missing it, the undefeated run (at press time) of the Maverick football program, coinciding with perhaps the most disappointing season in history for Nebraska's beloved Cornhuskers, has garnered talks unprecedented in this state. Large Facebook.com groups comprised of both UNO and UNL students have gone as far as to debate who might win if the two

teams met today.

Within our current realm of reality, UNO football is making promising strides towards Nebraska's first college football national championship in 10 years. They are on a path towards a fourth straight conference crown, and they have achieved their first No. 1 ranking (on CollegeSportsReport.com) since 1980.

This is no Cinderella story, though. Pat Behrns's Mavericks feature a relentless running attack, the most clutch defense I've ever rooted for and a quarterback whose legend grows with every defender he clowns. Even for the most ESPN-nursed sports fan, late November's

24-team Division II playoffs is worth looking forward to.

Football isn't the only sport where Mavericks are excelling. After a slow start, UNO's soccer team has blitzed its way back onto the national map.

Don Klosterman's group is on a seven-game winning streak that started with last year's national champion, Metro State, and has included five multi-goal victories. Whereas a month ago this team seemed doomed to mediocrity, they've climbed into the national top 25 and nearly stamped their pass to the postseason. You can bet that this revitalized group packed with veterans from the '05 national championship team will be one to fear come tournament time.

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photo by Michelle Bishop

Carlie Christensen is congratulated by her teammates earlier this season. The team will finish out its regular season this weekend.

UNO Enhances Its Emergency Notification System with SMS Text Messaging

E2Campus, a private company with many large and well known universities as clients, has been selected by UNO to provide emergency notification through text messaging. This service requires students, faculty and staff to sign up for this service. Registration is done through UNO's e2Campus web site by logging onto <http://www.e2campus.com/my/unomaha>

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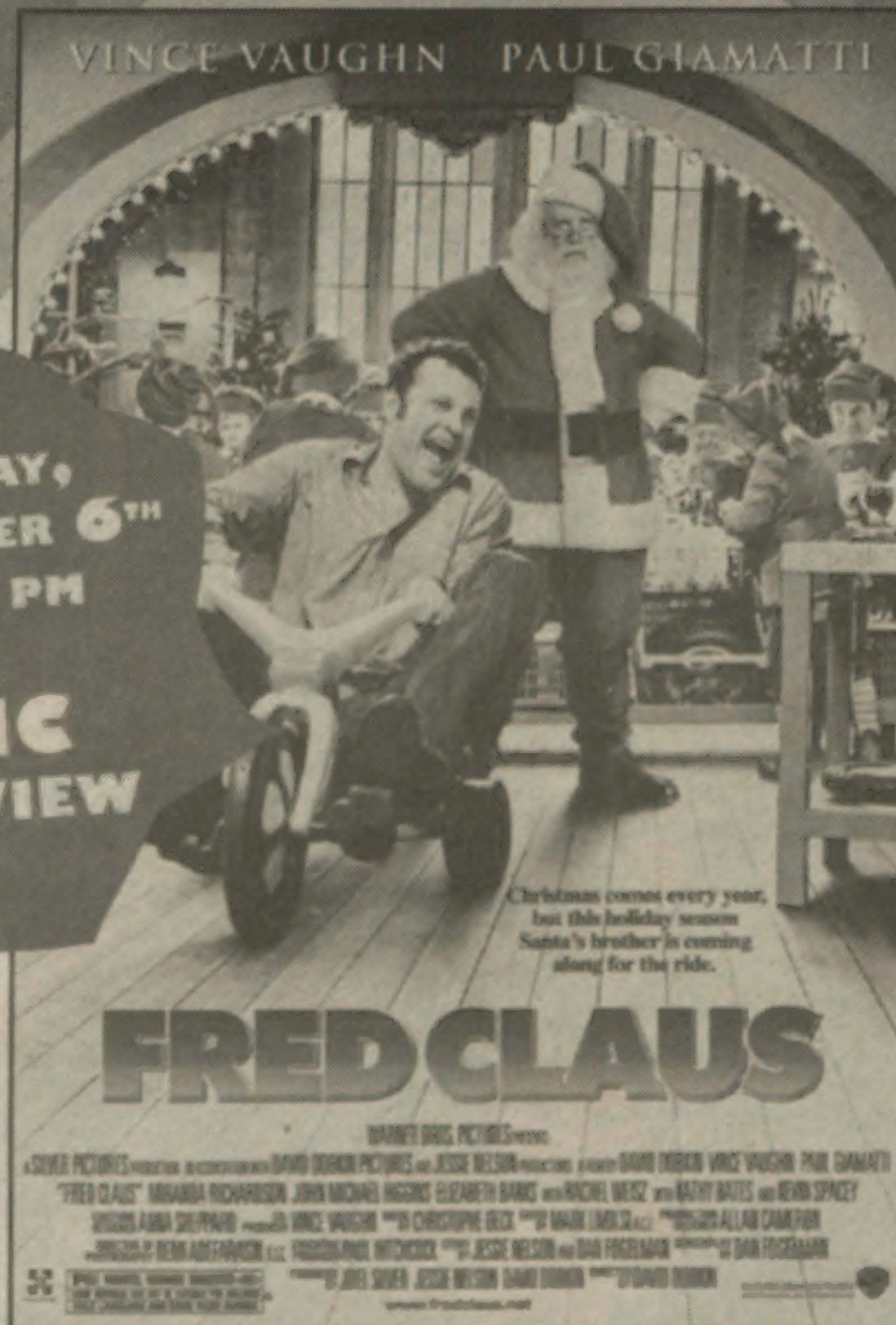
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Mavs look to make a statement in season finale

JASON SIBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

On Sept. 30, frustrated UNO soccer fans watched in disbelief as their Mavericks lost to the Mavericks of Mankato for the second time in as many weeks.

They had fallen to 4-5 on the season. Picked to contend for a national title, this team was light years behind schedule. Expectations of a strong title push were replaced by concerns of missing the postseason all together.

With defending champion Metro State slated to visit the following week, many had felt the season was lost.

But the Mavs persevered. They defeated the champs on Oct. 5. Then South Dakota two days later. Then they swept a four-game road trip over an eight-day span, and came home to pummel Minnesota Duluth 3-0 last Sunday for their seventh consecutive win.

With just a game left in the regular season, the Mavericks are now nationally ranked at No. 23 and have the NCAA tournament back in their sites.

So what caused the turnaround? For junior midfielder Casey Bigsby, it was simple.

"We just started to play more complete games," said Bigsby, who has scored six of her team-leading nine

goals during their current winning streak. "And our older players have stepped up and taken charge of the team."

Now UNO, 11-5, 9-2 in NCC play, has just one regular season match-up remaining. They will host 7-7-3 Augustana at 68th and Spring streets today at 4 p.m.

The Mavericks have outscored the Vikings 31-3 in their last six meetings, winning all of them. A win over Augustana this afternoon would give the Mavericks eight in a row and solidify their chances for an NCAA tournament bid.

Beyond its postseason implications, this game's finality makes it significant as well. Pending potential home-field advantage in next week's tournament, this date could mark the last collegiate home game for seven seniors.

Goalkeeper Ellen Petersen, Forwards Brandie Beale and Ali Portell, midfielders Dani McCawley and Erin Fosnaugh and defensemen Kellyn Kramolisch and Niya Branch may take their home field today for the final time in a Maverick uniform.

Five of these athletes were part of the 2005 national championship team. Six of these athletes were part of last year's undefeated regular season.

All of these athletes make up the veteran crew that is leading this team on its climb back to the top. Show up today and see these Mavericks off.



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Midfielder Lindsey Nealon delivers a header earlier this season. The Mavericks will close out their regular season today against Augustana.

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Though difficult to compete with Division I's powerhouse some 50 miles west, UNO volleyball's late season surge has also created a lot of local excitement in a state that rightfully embraces this sport.

They have captured five straight matches, sweeping four of them. The Mavericks most recently disposed of No. 13 Augustana and No. 12 Mankato during the seniors' final weekend at home. The way this team is playing right now, only a blatant snub from NCAA voters will keep them out of a fourth straight trip to the North Central Regionals.

Combined, these three programs have won 20 games in a row and have done so at a perfect time. These teams are roaring into the postseason with a head of steam and all three are threats to win it all.

In a broader sense, the outstanding performances of these coaches and players have helped to douse the subtle flames of last year's wreckage. Thankfully for us, they're not done yet.

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athletes.

"These [seniors] demonstrate the work ethic we want and the competitive ethic we want on a day in and day out basis," Shires said. "They are the people that drive the team."

As for the postseason, the head coach likes her team's chances.

"We feel like we've qualified for the tournament," Shires said.

The first round is slated for Thursday, Nov. 8, at an undetermined location, and the participants will be announced Sunday following this weekend's action.

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Tiny trick-or-treaters take over UNO, Med Center

*Listen closely, but do be brave,
To a story so gruesome, so ghoulish, so grave.
It all happened on Halloween, a chilly Wednesday morning,
Something so frightening that came without warning.*

*Marching through campus, for candy they pillaged,
Rampaging down the sidewalk like Vikings through a village.
Who was more qualified to lead the clan,
Than Captain Jack Sparrow and, by his side, Batman.*

*A transformer, a lion, a train and a spider,
Mingled among princesses who kept the mood lighter.
But don't be fooled if you see little mermaids swim by:
Their sequins may sparkle, but they end up making you cry.*

*The spider crept slowly, his black legs quietly tapping,
While a skeleton's burning heart went a-rap-rap-rapping.
A busy buzzing bee took candy like honey;
I feared the ghoulish beasts would turn for my money.*

*No money was sought: It was sugar they craved,
But I got quite a fright when a linebacker misbehaved.
I found some relief; his stare shouldn't make you sick:
The poor guy was a Husker – not a Maverick!*

*As I tried to escape the pillage and plunder,
I saw a panda bear that made me wonder,
"Is he asleep, or just waiting to attack me?"
The answer is "I don't know." I left without asking.*

*I hurried to UNMC; I heard more ghouls were stirring.
When I arrived, what a ruckus was occurring!
A princess, a penguin rushed hurriedly by,
With a fresh score of candy to complement their sugar high.*

*Poor Sylvester, poor Tweety, attacked by a dinosaur!
Why, oh why, didn't he get shown to the door?
He pounced around bearing his sharp teeth.
So terrified I was, I could hardly breathe.*

*Two hours of madness, mayhem and massacre,
Was finally ending with pinches to the quacker.
They scavenged the candy, but now they must leave,
Not to be seen till next Hallow's Eve.*



Photos and Poem by Patrick Doty

We're Screwed: Comedian Lewis Black comes back to Omaha

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A&L EDITOR

If you don't know the name Lewis Black, you've probably been hiding under a pretty large rock for the last seven years.

Black is a foul-mouthed but quick-witted comedian who's moved from playing small clubs around the country and half-hour comedy specials on Comedy Central to weekly spots on Jon Stewart's *The Daily Show*, a Grammy Award-winning comedy album, a book on the New York Times' Best Sellers list and, most recently, starring roles in movies like *Man of the Year* with Robin Williams.

After appearing for many years at the Funny Bone comedy club, Black will be performing at the Omaha Music Hall on Nov. 4.

Recently the *Gateway* talked with the comedian about Omaha, Ernie Chambers and what's next for the comedian, who is just hitting his stride at the age of 59.

Mr. Black?
Hello.

How are you?
I'm fine.

Are you ready for the interview?
I've been up all night because of it.

[Laughter] It's been a little while since you've been to Omaha, how does it feel to be coming back?
It's really great. I like Omaha. I have fun there.

What new material can people expect from the HBO special given that—
It's all new. There's no repeat.

No repeat?
There's no repeating.

OK. [Laughter]
It's a totally different concert.

And you're playing the Music Hall this time around, which is a little bit larger than the Funny Bone where you usually play. Do you prefer smaller venues like the Funny Bone or larger venues?

I like working in the Funny Bone. There are certain smaller venues that I really like; I enjoy working theaters but there's like five [or] six clubs in the country that I really like to work at.

It's been great because I've kind of developed this audience and I can get a lot of work done with them when I'm at the Funny Bone.

Do you notice a lot of college-aged students in your audiences?

Yeah. It's pretty amazing – not amazing; I'm on Comedy Central, but I have a pretty mixed crowd though, it ranges from 15 years old to 85.

Just knowing your work I'm sure politics will be a decent part of your show and the big story here has been State Senator Ernie Chambers suing God so I wasn't sure if you had heard about that.



photo by Jef Neira

Suing God?

Suing God.
Over what?

I think ... to protest frivolous lawsuits but the actual lawsuit was against causing hurricanes and terrorist activities.

That's good. I'm glad he's — I don't know if he's noticed but we've got a lot of problems that need to be dealt with. I mean, I realize frivolous lawsuits are a big problem but there are, I think, other ways to do it.

Are you planning on talking about the '08 election at all?

I will a bit. It's hard to because it makes me nauseous.

Well Hagel won't be running.
I know, and he was my guy!

What about the Larry Craig scandal?

Oh yeah. I have a whole chunk on that. I've got a big chunk on Larry, mainly because I didn't need to know how gay people meet in the bathroom.

[Laughter]

There's no need to tell me that. I spend a lot of time in public restrooms and I was a lot happier before I knew that. Now I'm suspicious of every movement in a public restroom.

[Laughter]

A lot of people who've worked on *The Daily Show* have become big names in comedy, yourself included, of course. Did you foresee people like Steve Colbert, Steve Carell and Jon Stewart making it big early on?

I knew Carell and Colbert would because they were so unique. Colbert was really diverse in terms of what

he was doing and Carell was spot on that when he was doing that ... he would certainly move on.

So what's your opinion on a lot of the stuff they've had coming out recently?

I think it's great. I think Carell just gets funnier. He always made me laugh so hard as Gary and that was one of the nice things having him around. He's just become a better and better comedic actor; it's exceptional. And I think what Colbert's done is — I think that it's genuinely extraordinary. He's created this character and it's tremendous that he's been able to really mine it. There's nothing like it.

Speaking of making it big, what was it like working with Robin Williams?

That was a lot of fun. It was great. I had a really good time working with him. It was a pleasure. I'm actually going to Iraq with him in December.

Oh? That will be interesting.

Yeah, it'll be [expletive]-A interesting. [Laughter]
I'm banking on the fact that they're not going to allow him to get killed.

You have your own new show coming up that I just heard about, so do you want to tell us what that'll be about?

Yeah, *Root of All Evil* is — I play a moderator of basically a debate between two comedians over what in popular culture is more evil. A certain chick flick or *Grand Theft Auto* or Paris Hilton and Dick Cheney. Stuff like that. And then I judge it. It's great.

It must be fun for you.
I get to decide.

You're the decider.
Yes. I am. I've finally become the decider.
[Laughter]

Is there anything that I forgot to ask that you wanted to mention?

Just that I've got a book coming out in May about religion called *Me of Little Faith*. After finishing all my interviews this morning, I'll type, hopefully, the first draft of the last chapter.

That's good. Congratulations.
Thank you.

Thanks for talking to me.
It was a pleasure.

Red, White and Screwed Tickets

Tickets for Lewis Black's *Red, White and Screwed* tour are still on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets as well as the Omaha Music Hall box office at 18th and Leavenworth streets.

Root of All Evil will debut on Comedy Central this spring while Black's new book, *Me of Little Faith*, is set to be released sometime in May 2008.

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Souls of the dead visit Art Gallery for Mexican tradition of Dia de los Muertos

MARK REAGAN
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The rotating earth has cycled through the winter thaw, spring and the heat of the summer. Now that it's fall, the leaves are shedding their earthen greens for bright oranges, reds and dull browns. The moon is rapidly completing another cycle and Harvest time is upon us.

Traditions this time of year differ all around the world. It is time for Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day and Dia de los Muertos.

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a tradition that has been practiced in Europe for some time. The Spanish brought the tradition with them to Mexico and Central America. The Aztec, Mayan, Toltec, Zapotec, Mazatec and other ancient Mexican cultures were centered on cycles of life and death. They incorporated the Day of the Dead into their culture and into the modern Mexican culture, which has evolved and flourished in to what it is today.

The UNO Art Gallery has, with help from the Office of Latino-Latin American Studies, put together a Dia de los Muertos exhibition in the gallery's Hexagon room. Maria S. Arbelaez, OLLAS's historian, will be giving a presentation at the exhibit on Nov. 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"There will be Mexican-style hot chocolate and bread bought from a South Omaha bakery," Arbelaez explained.

The main part of the exhibit is an ofrenda, which means offering. An ofrenda is an altar that is built in honor of Dia de los Muertos.

Arbelaez said that OLLAS will dedicate this year's altar to, "the indigenous communities of all Latin America that are there and those that are here."

Arbelaez added that the altar is constructed primarily "to honor Latinos, particularly Mexican and Mexican-Americans who are the majority of Latinos in the Mid West."

The Mexican tradition of Dia de los Muertos has been going strong for 500 years. Arbelaez described the tradition as one of the most cherished in Hispanic culture.

The tradition states that souls come back from Mictlan, the afterlife, and participate in the ceremonies. However, afterlife is not like the Christian concept of a place that separates people into good and evil. Instead, Mictlan is a place where all souls go.

Arbelaez explained that there are exceptions such as women who die in childbirth. They are called Cihuateteo. These women go to the underworld and help the sun rest during its night journey.

Soldiers are also special, helping the sun rise after they die.

People who celebrate this Mexican tradition build similar altars in their homes to give offerings to these souls that come back during Dia de los Muertos. The altars feature favorite foods, drinks, personal affects, photographs and other items cherished by the departed soul. The altars are decorated with picado (cut paper), flowers (cempaxochilt) and incense.

Another interesting aspect of the tradition is that Catholic friars and priests who came over with the Spanish to Christianize the indigenous culture blended their religion with the tradition.

Today, Catholic saints, the Virgin of Guadalupe and crosses are also incorporated into the ofrendas.

"These two days are special holidays in Mexico," Arbelaez said. "For the occasion, special bread decorated with bones and skulls is made by the bakers. Sugar and chocolate skulls are made and sold all over."

This year's Dia de los Muertos celebration will be held Nov. 2 in the Hexagon room of the UNO Art Gallery from 11:30 am to 1 p.m. For more information on the event, visit the gallery's Web site at unoartgallery.org or the OLLAS' Web



photo by Ranae Duncan

In many communities, plans for Dia de los Muertos are a year-long process. A common item associated with the celebration is the skull, called a calavera, which is made out of sugar or chocolate and given as a gift to either the living or the dead.



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Altars called "ofrendas," like the one at UNO's Day of the Dead exhibit, are constructed to recognize family members who are deceased. Ofrendas are a major part of this 500-plus year tradition.

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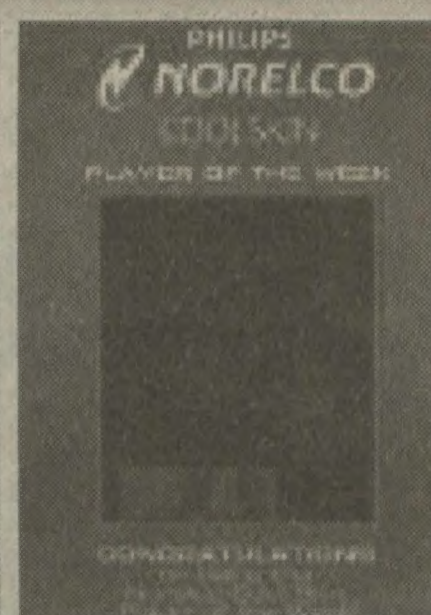
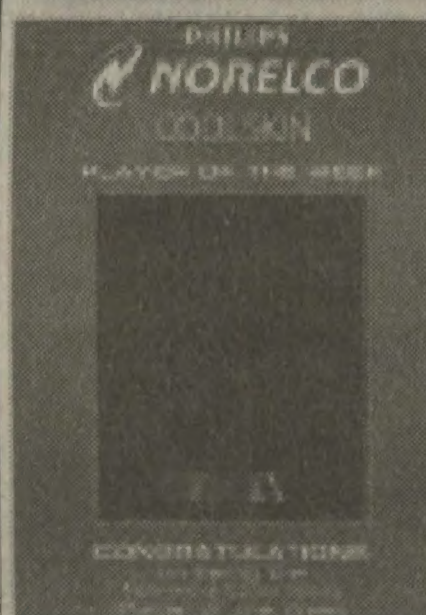
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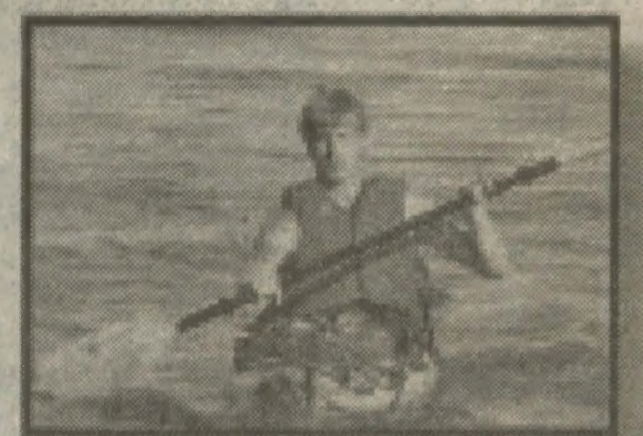
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